

## Data Sheet

<b>USAID Mission:</b>	Russia
<b>Program Title:</b>	More Open, Participatory Society
<b>Pillar:</b>	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
<b>Strategic Objective:</b>	118-0211
<b>Status:</b>	Continuing
<b>Proposed FY 2003 Obligation:</b>	\$13,792,000 FSA
<b>Prior Year Unobligated:</b>	\$300,000 FSA
<b>Proposed FY 2004 Obligation:</b>	\$11,090,000 FSA
<b>Year of Initial Obligation:</b>	FY2002
<b>Estimated Completion Date:</b>	FY2005

**Summary:** USAID's program to foster a more open, participatory society includes: increasing sources of independent information that are accessible to the public; strengthening civil society and advocacy institutions, from community organizations to political parties and labor unions; and increasing citizen participation through formal citizen involvement in non-governmental organizations (NGOs) activities, and increased "ad hoc" citizen involvement in the community.

### Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

#### FY 2003 Program:

Independent information (\$2,700,000 FSA). USAID's funds will expand the Internews network of regional TV news service subscribers, provide assistance to regional print media, foster connections between American and Russian media business owners and managers, and train journalists and media managers representing non-state media. USAID partners are Internews and the International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX) (prime), and Press Development Institute.

Civil society and advocacy institutions (\$6,958,000 FSA). USAID will continue to support Russian NGOs' professionalism, particularly in lobbying government policymakers. USAID will help NGOs address social problems in their communities, mobilize citizens, and develop local philanthropy as a funding base for NGOs. A follow-on program will be launched to consolidate several other programs at the national level to advocate for legislation promoting the development of civil society and strengthening outreach, particularly with the media. USAID will continue to combat trafficking across sectors, in the final year of funding. As Russia prepares for State Duma and presidential elections, USAID will provide technical assistance to increase political participation through voter education, election monitoring, and training for young political leaders. The Institute for Electoral Systems Development (IESD), in cooperation with the International Foundation for Electoral Systems, will develop the capacity of regional electoral commissions to conduct free and fair elections. In addition, USAID will promote citizen use of local government web sites, helping community groups and NGOs to take better advantage of this medium for communication and information. New human rights activities will become part of this SO and this component. USAID's key partners are IREX, the American Center for International Labor Solidarity, Winrock International, the Center for NGO Support, the National Democratic Institute, the International Republican Institute, and IESD.

Citizen participation (\$3,250,000 FSA). In the Russian Far East, USAID will continue to support a program to increase citizen participation and activism on local issues. Russia's leading studies center for young political leaders, the Moscow School of Political Studies (MSPS), will receive continued support for its seminar program and building a network with American donors and potential partner institutions. Finally, a new civic education program will expand school-based pilot programs and promote students' participatory activities in the communities. USAID's partners are MSPS, the Institute for Sustainable Communities, and a new partner to be determined.

Program support (\$884,000 FSA). These funds will cover training, evaluations, studies, and related program management costs.

**FY 2004 Program:**

Independent information (\$2,500,000 FSA). USAID plans to work with Internews to support regional broadcasters, with added attention to radio broadcasters training and management needs. Support to independent print media would continue focusing on institutional development of the Press Development Institute. As follow-up to the 2002 Russian-American Media Entrepreneurship Dialogue, USAID would foster contacts between American and European media entrepreneurs.

Civil society and advocacy institutions (\$5,700,000 FSA). USAID's flagship program to develop the NGO sector at the national level would be in full operation in FY 2004, while funding would continue to regional NGO Resource Centers and their network to support community activism. With parliamentary and presidential elections scheduled for 2004, political party training work supported by NDI and IRI would focus on campaign and election monitoring training. We anticipate that IESD would concentrate on an initiative to monitor campaign expenditures by candidates, as well as training media in campaign coverage. Our FY 2003 initiative to promote the Internet as a medium for new sources of information and citizen participation would continue. Human Rights activities begun in FY 2003 would continue.

Citizen participation (\$2,050,000 FSA). In the Russian Far East, USAID plans to continue support for community initiatives and expand assistance to professional associations. MSPS would continue to strengthen leaders in the regions with more regional seminars and develop the MSPS alumni network. USAID's new civic education program would be fully operational.

Program support (\$840,000 FSA). These funds would cover evaluations, studies, and related program management costs.

**Performance and Results:** More than 50% of the citizens in selected regions now have access to non-state and public affairs broadcasting. Six new Regional Media Training Centers were created, and the Internews regional news competition for local reporting grew large enough for a national philanthropist to invest in funding the competition. A high-profile USG initiative, the Russian-American Media Entrepreneurship Dialogue, helped organize Russian media to lobby for reform of press laws. Public interest law clinics provided 7,000 legal consultations, and represented workers in more than 2,000 court hearings. Local Civic Forums were held in four cities where USAID assisted NGOs. The USAID-supported Siberian Civic Initiatives Support Center launched 20 grant rounds using local government funds, with USAID funding administrative costs. Yukos Open Russia Foundation invested \$67,000 in the USAID-supported resource center in Samara and is about to invest in the Siberian Civic Initiatives Support Center. USAID's partner Women's Consortium advanced two amendments to the Labor Code protecting women's rights and was asked to join the new Presidential Human Rights Commission. The League of Women Voters has 20 partner organizations and has trained more than 1,000 election observers. The NDI-created domestic election observation coalition, VOICE, has expanded to 16 regions with more than 1,200 observers trained to monitor regional elections. The coalition observed six local elections this year and increased its capacity to monitor and highlight election abuses.

## US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Russia

118-0211 More Open, Participatory Society	<b>FSA</b>
<b>Through September 30, 2001</b>	
Obligations	0
Expenditures	0
Unliquidated	0
<b>Fiscal Year 2002</b>	
Obligations	12,449
Expenditures	2,684
<b>Through September 30, 2002</b>	
Obligations	12,449
Expenditures	2,684
Unliquidated	9,765
<b>Prior Year Unobligated Funds</b>	
Obligations	300
<b>Planned Fiscal Year 2003 NOA</b>	
Obligations	13,792
<b>Total Planned Fiscal Year 2003</b>	
Obligations	14,092
<b>Proposed Fiscal Year 2004 NOA</b>	
Obligations	11,090
Future Obligations	0
Est. Total Cost	37,631